

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at the Cathodeon Centre on Thursday 8th January 2009 commencing at 8 pm

Present: A Gore (Chair), Ms E Cornell (Vice Chair), Mrs E Bald, Dr B Cox, S Daly, M Gee, B Hammett, R Hickford, T Krarup, J Linsdell, G Potter, Dr V Urwin
Mrs S Parry (Clerk to the Council)

Mrs K France (Press) was in attendance.

Public Forum

No member of the public sought to address the Council.

The Chair opened the meeting of the Parish Council at 8 pm

- 200 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Rossiter who was unwell.
- 201 Declaration of Interests from Members. There were none.
- 202 Approval of the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2008. Cllr Hickford proposed that the minutes be adopted as a true record of the meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Daly and agreed by the meeting.
- 203 Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2008. Cllr Hammett asked if progress had been made on the Wish List. Cllr Cornell responded that it was in hand.
- 204 S/2076/08/LB Mrs F Bickerstaff, 4 Church Lane – Alterations – install flue liners to 3 ground floor hearths and 1 chimney pot. Lay pamment floor in kitchen, wc, lobby, breakfast and front room. Reinstate lath and plaster to first floor partition in Bedroom 2 to form study. It was agreed to advise the District Council that the Parish Council was content to accept the advice of English Heritage and the Listed Building Officer.
- 205 Reports from Co-ordinators:
- i) Open Spaces – Cllr Bald reported that over the Christmas period many verges had been damaged by improper parking.
 - ii) Recreation Ground – A written report from Cllr Krarup had been circulated who also confirmed that the repair to the bowling green kerbing had been completed successfully. Cllr Hickford reported that Stanton's Lane hedge opposite the school had been cut. Cllr Hammett reported that despite the Council's efforts to ensure the Drop In Centre had a power supply over Christmas the Village College had not restored the supply, so that the Centre had been unable to open. The Council agreed that this was not at all satisfactory especially as it had incurred extra costs disconnecting the skate ramp lights to avoid any further problems and that a letter of complaint should be sent to the College. **Clerk**
 - iii) Cemetery – Cllr Gee reported that a meeting of the Group had taken place on 7 January and a report would be circulated. The group was concerned about lack of progress in resurfacing the paths.
 - iv) Rights of Way – In the absence of Cllr Rossiter there was nothing to report.
 - v) Venture Playground – The clerk reported that the repairs to the rope bridge were awaited. Following receipt of the safety report from Zurich Insurance it was agreed to undertake the recommended minor works. **Clerk/BH**
 - vi) Leadwell Meadows - In the absence of Cllr Rossiter there was nothing to report.
 - vii) Glebe Land - In the absence of Cllr Rossiter there was nothing to report.

- viii) Churchyard – It was agreed to accept the revised quotation for repairs to the gate post and piers from Landmark Restoration in the sum of £1347.83 + VAT. **Clerk/BC**
- viii) Communications – Cllr Gee reported that a meeting of the Group had taken place on 7 January and a report would be circulated follow. It was felt that more notice boards for village use were needed.
- ix) A1307 – Cllr Cornell confirmed that representations had been made to St Edmundsbury District Council regarding its Core Strategy Consultation setting out the Parish Council's concerns regarding the proposed growth of Haverhill.
- x) Allotments – Following a letter from South Cambridgeshire District Council which appeared to conflict with earlier correspondence it was agreed the Clerk should contact the Council and landowner seeking clarification of the position by 4th February. **Clerk**

206 Stanton's Lane bridge update – More detailed drawings from Cllr Bald had been circulated. It was agreed to proceed with additional fencing, subject to ensuring that there were no significant gaps between the base of the panels and the ground and that caps be added to the end panels. It was also agreed to investigate the cost of providing wire mesh covering and a further panel at the fourth corner of the bridge. **EB**
 It was noted that permission for the provision of a panel at the fourth corner would be needed from the District Council as landowner. **Clerk**

207 Written reports from Council representatives. There were none.

208 Cllr Cox proposed that the payments listed below be paid. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Daly and agreed by the meeting. Cllrs Urwin and Gore signed the cheques.

SCDC (cemetery rates)	D/D	75.86
Wages	bacs and 1119, 1120, 1121	2967.94
W Foster	1122	232.50
J Rossiter	1123	22.40
Cambridgeshire ACRE	1124	5.00

209 Correspondence received and for discussion

Item 15 – Letter from Chalklands Residents Assoc requesting minor traffic works. It agreed to defer this to the next meeting when the County Councillor would be present. **Agenda 22/1**

Item 18 – Revised quotation from Landmark Restoration – See item 205 (viii).

Item 30 – Following a site meeting attended by Gary Longmore of Garrick Outdoor, Mrs Simpkin of the WI, Cllrs Gore & Linsdell and the Clerk, Garrick had submitted priced options for a replacement bus shelter at the Swan. The Chair advised Cllr Cox why Mr Longmore considered repairing the existing shelter was not cost effective. Cllr Cox proposed that the Council accept the quotation for the removal of the existing shelter and its replacement by a three bay elliptical roofed, cantilever shelter in dark green, 3.2m x1.3m in size, with one full end panel to the road, all panels to be glazed with toughened glass, and a three metre long four slat seat at a total cost of £3887.00. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Bald and agreed by the meeting. **Clerk**

Item 34 – Notification from South Cambridgeshire District Council of the closure of the footpath between Symond's Lane and Flaxfields. Cllr Bald expressed concern over the expected length of this closure and the time work was starting in the morning. It was agreed to remind the contractor of their obligations regarding the planning application. **Clerk**

Item 37 – SCDC re grant application for rebuilding of flint wall in Churchyard. It was agreed that Cllrs Cox & Gore should draft a letter in response. **BC/AG**

Item 44 – Linton Granta Football Club, request for assistance towards the recent purchase of a small tractor. It was agreed to donate £250 from unallocated S137 funds. **Clerk**

210 Reports from Councillors (for information only) Cllr Gee said that many pavements were treacherous in cold weather as they were not salted by the County Council. The Chair replied that the possible purchase of a manual grit spreader would be raised at the Precept Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed

Date

Note: Copies of reports and documents referred to above can be inspected at the Council's office.